

THE STAR GROCERY.

No matter what day you visit the store, you will always find something profitable to buy.

- 25 lbs. Fine Granulated Sugar, \$1.00
Large White Colorado Potatoes, per bu. 75
8 lbs. Hand-picked Navy Beans, 25

SOAP! SOAP! SOAP!
1 box White Spanish Soap \$9 00
8 bars White Spanish Soap 25

J. S. SPROAT, THE STAR GROCER, 112 E. 6TH STREET. TELE. 252.

BETTER THAN OUR SCHOOLS

Superintendent W. M. Davidson of public schools has returned to the city after a visit of about two weeks to the National Superintendent's association in Richmond, Va.

THERE WAS A BIG CROWD

At the Scotch Social Last Evening—Songs and Speeches.
If numbers are the criterion of a successful entertainment, then the one given last evening in Topoka Post hall at 432 Kansas avenue, by the Scotch society was a decided success.

CHEAPER TELEPHONES

Shall Topoka Have Them or Not is the Question.

RIVAL COMPANIES PRESENT CLAIMS

Before the Ways and Means Committee Last Evening—Mr. Mulvane Says His Company Isn't Making a Barrel Full of Money.

There are telephone magnates and men who want to be telephone magnates, and these two elements waged a bitter war before the ways and means committee at the council chamber last night.

Mr. Bear and Mr. Rodgers represented the Harrison Telephone Co. which has applied for a franchise to operate in Topoka, and to be allowed to compete with the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company.

Mr. Bear read the ordinance which he wants granted, along to the councilmen, all of whom were present except Mr. Holman and Mr. Burgess.

Then Eugene Quinton, representing the rival company, said: "We do not ask that this new institution should be kept out, but merely that it should be put under such restraints and limitations as will protect the city and us from unfair treatment."

Mr. Quinton wanted a week in which to prepare the Missouri & Kansas telephone company's side of the case and present it to the committee in writing the suggestions it thinks necessary.

To this Mr. Bear replied: "If I intended to start in the clothing business I wouldn't expect to wait for permission from the other clothing dealers."

"We do not ask for any special privileges. We want simply the right to exist, the same right given to Mr. Mulvane's company. We will not object to any limitations, provided the other company is put under the same limitations."

A. K. Rodgers said: "As citizens Mr. Mulvane and Mr. Quinton have a right to be present here and make suggestions or objections, but as a rival corporation they can get satisfaction in the courts if we infringe on their right, and we hold the city harmless in such a case as that."

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The present term at Bethany will end next Wednesday and the new term will begin the day after. The regular Easter vacation of a week will begin March 26.

One young lady has stopped attending the cooking school, because people said that only engaged girls are members. Now there is no doubt that she is engaged.

Rev. J. E. Purdy of Minneapolis, Minn., is conducting the services at Grace Cathedral until the arrival of Dean Millspeugh, which will be in a few weeks.

W. H. Simpson of the Santa Fe has an interesting relic in a folder issued by the company in 1873, before the line to Kansas City was built. It looks like a circus poster.

A Relic of Ancient Days.
Walter Thompson, of Thompson Bros., has the original document giving his great grandfather, William Thompson, his commission as second lieutenant in the company of foot in the second division of the fourth battalion of associates in the county of Cumberland, for the protection of the province of Pennsylvania. The commission is dated May 3, 1775. He was in the famous battles of Brandywine and Germantown, and also at the final surrender at Yorktown.

WIGGIN, CROSBY & CO. SPECIALS FOR TOMORROW.

40 in. Black Figured Batiste, regularly 75c. FOR 58c YD.

60 in. Gramette, regularly \$2.00. FOR \$1.50 YD.

All Wool Serges, regularly 50c yd. FOR 39c YD.

Special line of Ladies' fine Swiss Ribbed Vests—that we offer at 8 1/2c, 15c, 25c and 38c.

Cent's Balbriggan Underwear at unusually low prices.

A large and splendid assortment of NEW KID CLOVES, the most reliable and best fitting Cloves in the market. A special line extra quality Biaritz—\$1.00 PAIR.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Only about one voter in six has registered.

There will be a dance at the Insane asylum tonight.

The summer cars have been sent to the paint shop.

Julio Valentine has almanacs from 1893 to 1899.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Items of Interest About Topoka People and Visitors in Town.

The young ladies of the S. C. H. T. club planned a birthday surprise on Ernest Minney, at the home of his father Dr. Minney, 209 Western avenue last night which was complete in every detail.

Numerous games and dancing comprised the evening's amusement, after which an elaborate lunch was served. The occasion will long be remembered by all who participated, among whom were Misses Gertrude Hoston, Nina Garvin, Lela Ford, Minnie Fulton, Lora Edging, Alice McKirrick, Nina Bragard, and Sadie Minney, Messrs. Moffit Fulton, Bird Dalley, Albert Sidwell, Warren Brackett, Geo. Noggie, Geo. Minney and Lee Sidwell.

Miss Kate McKernan was very pleasantly surprised last evening by about thirty of her school friends. Miss Kate has been very ill for the past four weeks and her school mates planned to have the surprise as soon as she was able to enjoy it.

The young folks spent the evening at cards and other games, and at 10:30 o'clock were called to the dining room for a good and abundant supper.

Miss Kate returned to school this morning to resume her usual duties.

Rev. I. Blakesley was called to Meriden yesterday to officiate at the marriage of Guy A. Swallow and Lottie Clark, two of the popular young people of that suburb. A large company gave them a good send-off and abundance of feasting and revelry. Mr. Blakesley returned on the midnight train.

Captain Warren of Fort Riley is in the city and is visiting his daughter, Miss Ethel, at Bethany college.

The Olivettes met last evening with Mrs. Adelle Clark, 516 West Seventh street.

Miss Madge McKee has returned to Leavenworth.

Misses Faith Andrews and Alice Tobey of Washington, D. C., are the guests of Mrs. A. A. Rodgers.

Miss Laura Davis of Newton is expected tomorrow to spend a few days with Miss Minnie Davis.

Mr. Ed Wuerth left yesterday for Little Rock, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mountain have returned to Chicago.

R. Kepler of Kansas City was in town yesterday.

Miss Vinula King will entertain her Sunday School class with a "senses" party tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Fred Glick has returned from a visit in Atchison.

Mrs. A. L. Williams is recovering from an attack of the grippe and will leave next week for California.

Mrs. Ed Bartlett of Carbondale, is visiting Mrs. N. M. Mitten.

Messrs. T. A. Playford and Willis Stinger of Carbondale, spent yesterday in town.

Miss Effie Black has returned to Olathe.

Judge Holden of El Dorado, is in town for a few days.

A party of insurance people will go to Escalator Springs in about two weeks.

Sunday, March 4, James Ferguson of Topoka to Miss Alice Goodman of Valley Falls.

C. D. Wilder of Ft. Scott was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Chas. Ripley of Newton is visiting friends in the city.

IT MUST STOP.

Sending of "Fake" Dispatches to Eastern Papers by Kansas Correspondents.

The members of the Trans-Mississippi Associated Press, in the co-operative news service between a number of the enterprising dailies of Missouri and Kansas is called, yesterday took a decided stand upon the question of newspaper "faking," and resolved that they would from now on, individually and collectively, neglect no opportunity to forcibly sit down upon the practice whenever it shows its head.

The practice of faking, as the printing or origination of palpably untrue news is called, that is referred to more particularly in this instance, is the sending out of lurid yarns concerning the people of the west to eastern papers. The publication of such things, at times world be readily unparoled, and is seldom tried. But with eastern papers, which are constantly on the look-out for sensational items, the stories of fierce blizzards, devastating cyclones, starving towns, and anarchist uprisings are eagerly accepted and well paid for.

But so soon as it is impossible to arrest or correct the impression given by such a publication as to gather the ripples caused by a small stone thrown into a placid lake. It goes on and on, and usually ends in a climax which even the audacious author would hardly have dared to broach.

The center of western faking has for several years resided in Kansas, although the new towns of the Cherokee strip have furnished an exceedingly fertile field. Kansas has offered unusual advantages to the newspaper faker, and her many political woes and fierce internal agonies have been served up with every variety of sauce. It is safe to say that one-third of the sensational matter published about Kansas in New York and Boston appears in the Populists came into power has had little foundation in fact. An appetite was created for such matter when it first came out, and as influential journals were willing to buy it, western fakers artists were soon found to answer the demand.

To stop such an abuse is much harder than to start it. Unfortunately it is sometimes difficult to establish the authenticity of a piece of news until after the harm has been done. There is also another class, more despicable, if possible, than the authors themselves, who for political reasons, have given prominence to such fabrications, knowing them to be false. Still, the abuse can be cured. It can be cured by the newspaper men refusing to countenance such practices or allow a known faker the privileges of the craft. Let the press associations and reputable newspapers engage in a war of extermination and the evil will rapidly disappear.

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An honest Confession.

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Gravitation.

That is about all he could tell you. It is no more natural for bodies to gravitate toward the center of the earth than it is for "Viavi" to cure the disease peculiar to women. It is not a drug, but a food, which nourishes and strengthens the affected parts, thereby enabling nature to throw off the disease. Our Health Book sent free.

KANSAS VIAMI CO., Topeka, Kas.

AT THE THEATERS.

at Plunkard and Paul Alexander Johnstone.

Former J. C. Lewis in "86 Plunkard" will be the attraction at the Grand next Saturday. The character parade given by the members of this company is very funny. "86 Plunkard" is one of the oldest "country plays" but seemingly does not get old to the people, as Mr. Lewis has had the play on the road for a number of years, and has always played to very successful business.

Paul Alexander Johnstone, the mind reader, opens a three night's engagement at the Crawford tonight.

A. P. A. in Montans.

Butte, Mont., March 5.—The state council of the American Protective association was organized in this city today by W. H. J. Trickett, president of the supreme council of the world. The attendance was large and the officers report a membership of over 10,000 in Montana. President Trickett addressed the largest assemblage ever gathered in a hall in Butte last evening.

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